

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
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of the Educator Certificate of)
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Daniel E. Knight)
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Certificate 213691)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
SUSPENSION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 13, 2006. On October 20, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Daniel E. Knight of the possible suspension of his educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon receipt of that notice, Mr. Knight contacted the Department's Office of General Counsel by telephone and email on November 1, 2006, to reserve his right to a hearing, but subsequently agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to accept a period of suspension of his certificate. After considering the information presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Knight's certificate, under the agreed-upon terms as outlined in this Consent Order.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Daniel Knight holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over three years of teaching experience at Wando High School in the Charleston County School District. Mr. Knight resigned from his employment on February 24, 2006, after being confronted with allegations that had engaged in inappropriate conduct

toward female students, including inappropriate communications containing sexual content.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The State Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Daniel Knight for a period commencing retroactively on February 24, 2006, through February 23, 2008. Accordingly, the State Board issues this Consent Order of Suspension, with the understanding that if Mr. Knight wishes to have his certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he must submit to the Department's Office of General Counsel a satisfactory report from a licensed mental health counselor. The report must indicate that the counselor is aware of this Consent Order of Suspension, that Mr. Knight has been evaluated by the counselor, and that Mr. Knight has completed or is continuing any mental health counseling recommended by the counselor.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
December 13, 2006

I, Daniel E. Knight, S.C. Educator Certificate 213691, do hereby agree to this Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on December 13, 2006.

<u>/S/ Daniel E. Knight</u>	<u>11/28/06</u>
Daniel E. Knight	Date